

DECEMBER 2024

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# TUESDAY NIGHTS





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Dancing: 8pm-1am \$70pp. Call 631-757-2777 no later than 12/19 to reserve.

**DECEMBER 17**      **DECEMBER 31**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DANCE WITH MIKE FICCO**  
Long Island Jazz Orchestra

**PIZZA NIGHT**  
SWING LESSON, DJ & SOCIAL DANCING 

**DECEMBER 3**      **SWING LESSON, DJ & SOCIAL DANCING**  
**DECEMBER 10**

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Please Join us at Mirelle's  
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**Tuesday, Dec 17**  
7:30-11:00pm

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Dinner, Dancing, Taxi dancers and your Hostesses: Sherry and Carmen!  
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**WELCOME TO OUR DECEMBER DANSANTS!**

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30PM**  
**Festive Holiday Party Wed, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30PM**

\$12 don. Bring your friends or make new ones! Singles and couples welcome! Enjoy bagels, variety of cream cheese, cake, coffee & tea. Largest hardwood Ballroom dance floor on Long Island. Strict tempo music. Bring your partner or students. All past & present dances played in classic ballroom dancing music & popular line. Private Lessons Available. Free Parking.

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# Ballroom Dance Socials

**The Waterfalls Ballroom**  
400 Cassata Road.  
Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779



## Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
7PM-11PM. \$20PP includes coffee, tea, desserts and raffles! Reservations suggested.  
Single & couples welcome!

## New Years Eve Gala!

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Let's Ring in 2025 Together!!**  
Hosted by Valerie. 8PM-1AM. \$100pp includes Appetizers - Buffet Dinner - Desserts - Champagne B.Y.O.B. Coffee, Tea & Soda \*Seating is Limited\*



For Reservations or info call Valerie at 631-581-8509 or cell #631-487-3203

Call or email Valerie for info: 631-581-8509 or 631-487-3203 • valmdance@yahoo.com

# Swing DANCE NIGHT

**LIVE MUSIC!!**

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Wed, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**7PM-10:30PM**

Joined by Dance Hosts Lourdes & Mario  
 Adm: \$20pp. Mini Foxtrot Lesson by Lourdes

**Wednesdays December 4, 11 & 18**  
**6PM-10PM**

(NO DANCE Wednesday, Dec 25)  
 Wed Dec 4 - Rosalie Keane teaching Bachata Lesson

Adm: \$20pp. Enjoy an Evening of Ballroom & Latin Dancing to a great music mix!

**Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

**LONG ISLAND COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
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**Let's Ring in 2025!**

**Tuesday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**8:00 PM - 1:00 AM**

Full Open Bar, Cocktail Hour including Hot & Cold Stations, Carving Station, Elegant Gourmet Sit-Down Dinner, Viennese Style Dessert Stations, Champagne Toast, Noise Makers, Photo Station, (Bring your Camera/Phone), etc., Music & Entertainment by LIVE MUSIC by Long Island's very own LI REWIND BAND a 5-piece Rock Band featuring Keyboard, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Vocals. Performing upbeat, danceable classics from MoTown, Rock and Alternative styles of the 60's, 70's and 80's

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**Brumidi's Christmas Party**

**Open to Members, Family & Friends**

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Starts at 6:30 pm

Cocktail Hour, Sit Down Dinner, Beer/Wine/Soda & Dessert

Live Performance By Singer/Songwriter THERESA SAREO

Music by DJ Gene & Joanne. Cash Bar & Raffles

... and a visit By Mr. & Mrs. Claus!

\$70 Per Person. RSVP by December 7. Must Reserve and Pay in Advance. No Walk ins.  
 Call or Text: Linda 516 356-0949 or Theresa at 631 807-1485



**A NIGHT WITH "THE ULTIMATE ENTERTAINER" LOUIS DEL PRETE**

**Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

7-10:30PM. Adm: \$20pp. A throwback to an era when artists actually "entertained". Louis can sing, dance & play an instrument! Dance Mix including Ballroom, Latin, Hustle, WCS & more! Complimentary light buffet, dessert, coffee, tea & cash bar. Singles tables available. Reservations of a FULL table (8+) call 516.819.9016



**Dance with Lourdes Cruz**

Group & Private Lessons

**Mondays in December (No class Dec 30th)**

5:45 West Coast Swing Int/Adv

6:45pm Latin Mix

7:45pm Beg/Int West Coast Swing

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# Dance

with **Lourdes Cruz**

## DANCE PARTIES & SOCIALS!

### Club Brumidi

2075 Deer Park Avenue  
Deer Park, NY 11729

### Friday, Dec. 6th

7pm Doors Open

### 7:30pm Mini Foxtrot Lesson

Dance 8PM-10:30PM with Lourdes!  
Social Dance Mix with Music by  
DJ Gene & Joanne. Lourdes and Mario  
as dance hosts for the evening!  
\$20pp includes Complimentary Buffet,  
Coffee, Tea, Dessert & Cash Bar.

### Spotlight Ballroom

245-24 Horace Harding Expressway  
Little Neck, NY 11362

### Saturday, Dec. 7th

### Holiday Dance & Potluck

7pm: West Coast Swing Lesson with Ian & Lourdes  
Charity Raffle will return for next month's social. Ballroom  
(Smooth & Rhythm), West Coast Swing, Argentine Tango & more  
with DJ & Hosts Lourdes, Mario & Ian. All levels, singles & couples  
welcome! 8-11pm: Dancing with DJ Ian & Lourdes. Dance Hosts for  
the evening: Ian, Mario and Lourdes. \$25pp includes  
Complimentary Light Refreshments for your enjoyment/  
welcome to bring your own. Parking in back of building.

For Dance Event Information text/call Lourdes: 845-977-3482

Email: [lourdes@divaballroomdancing.com](mailto:lourdes@divaballroomdancing.com)

For weather cancellations & class updates see us at:

[divaballroomdancing.com](http://divaballroomdancing.com). Private Lessons available by appointment

## GROUP CLASSES

The DancXchange Dance Studio 290 Broad Hollow Rd, Melville NY 11747

(Bank of America Building) lower level, Suite LL150E. Take stairs down  
to atrium level next to service desk - follow signs to the studio

### Sundays December 8, 15, 22 (No class Dec 1st)

4pm WCS Intermediate Elements / 5pm Salsa

\$20pp Drop In. Please text/call to RSVP - All levels welcome

Spotlight Studio 245-24 Horace Harding Exwy Little Neck, NY

### Mondays

(No class Dec 30th)

10am Salsa  
11am Arg. Tango

### Tuesdays

(No class Dec 24th)

10am Bachata  
11am WCS

### Thursdays

(No class Dec 26th)

11am Arg. Tango  
5pm Hustle/WCS Basics

Brumidi Lodge 2075 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park, NY

### Mondays December 2, 9, 16, 23 (Closed Dec 30)

5:45 West Coast Swing Int/Adv | 6:45pm Latin Mix | 7:45pm Beg/Int WCS

Friday Decemberr 6th ONLY - 6:30pm Pre-danceF oxtrot Mini Lesson

# Dance With Me

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## ☆☆ Holiday Party ☆☆

Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5pm-9pm

4:30pm-5pm Line dance with David  
\$25PP Adm. includes Complimentary  
Hot & Cold Buffet, Dessert & Coffee.

Includes Raffles & Door Prizes!!



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## In Step With The Editor

Loren Finkelstein



Whether you enjoy Salsa, Hustle, Cha Cha or Swing, you'll find plenty of Ballroom & Latin dance socials and group classes at all levels listed in the December issue. As always, please call advertisers ahead to confirm dates, times and locations. Posted information may be subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling. If you'd like to become a contributing writer for The Dance Calendar, please contact me at [info@TheDanceCalendar.com](mailto:info@TheDanceCalendar.com).

Be sure to join the Dance Calendar's growing Facebook Group community to discover more events around Long Island, Queens and NYC: [www.facebook.com/groups/thedancecalendar](http://www.facebook.com/groups/thedancecalendar)

Have a Happy New Year of Dancing!  
Loren

## A Night of Social Dancing

Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> • Friday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Party)  
★ Tuesday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (NYE Party) 8pm-12:30am ★

\$90 Per Person. RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE ONLY. Includes Cocktail hour, Dinner Buffet, Dessert medley w/open bar. Dance to the music of DJ Scott. Call for RESERVATIONS Louise. 631.513.1055.

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## DANCE WITH DJ PEDRO

Social Ballroom Mix!  
Wednesdays December 4 & 18  
7pm-11pm



Spotlight Ballroom  
245-24 Horace Harding Expy.  
Little Neck, NY 11362  
DJ Pedro for info: 718-640-8216



Dance is held every other Wednesday.  
\$20 PP.  
Coffee, tea & snacks served.

# ULTIMATE BALLROOM

## with DJ Gene & Joanne

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## New Years Eve Gala

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

\$25.00PP. BYOB and a dish for the table 50/50.

Music from the 50's up to 2000. Text Pat for RSVP: 1-631-786-4712

CLUB BRUMIDI - 2075 DEER PARK AVE. DEER PARK, NY 11729

WEDNESDAYS DEC. 4, 11 & 18 (CLOSED 25TH)

6PM-10PM Enjoy an Evening of Ballroom & Latin Dancing to a great music mix!  
Wednesday Dec 4 Rosalie Keane teaching Complimentary Bachata lesson

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7PM-10:30PM. Enjoy an Evening of Ballroom & Latin Dancing to a great music mix! Lourdes, Mario Daniel as dance hosts with a Free Foxtrot lesson by Lourdes

FOR RESERVATION & INFO CALL GENE & JOANNE: 516-991-3208

## Rumba Walks

By Richard Fiore

(Licentiate, (LAB, LAR, T) Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing)

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Rumba walks are a fundamental element of Latin dance. When danced correctly, they look effortless and elegant. While there are various types of rumba walks, this article will highlight the forward progressive rumba walks. As the name implies, it is a walk in which both partners progress forward to rumba rhythm. Rumba walks are almost always seen in competitive dancing as well as at social dance venues.

It is important to use good techniques throughout a rumba walk sequence. These same techniques are also transportable to similar walks in other rhythm dances. There are several key aspects involved such as body alignment, feet position, footwork, timing, hip rotation and settling weight through the hip over each step. Regular practice of rumba walks is an activity that will serve to improve one's overall ability to dance rumba more stylishly. One of the most basic aspects of all dancing is proper body alignment. This is established by positioning the head directly over the shoulders, with the shoulders positioned over the hips and all in line with the ankles. The shoulder blades should be down and not forcibly pulled back. This allows the chest to open more naturally. The body needs to be vertical with the weight centered over the balls of the feet. The abdomen should be pulled in and maintained in that position with the buttocks directly underneath the body and not protruding out.

Hip action, foot pressure and floor contact are key elements of rumba walks. For example, a basic forward rumba walk may commence with the weight on the left foot with the left foot forward and right foot back. It is important to maintain pressure on the inside edge of the toe of the back foot, i.e. right foot, with the weight settled through the left side of the body. In this example, the walk commences by moving the right foot forward with the right knee slightly flexed. Lead with the inside edge of the toe of the right foot, moving the right foot forward, skimming the ball of the foot on the floor and end by lowering the heel of the right foot as the right knee straightens after it has arrived at its new position. A rotational hip movement and settling of weight through the right hip will occur during this action. At this point, the walk continues by moving the left foot forward with the left knee slightly flexed. Continue by leading with the inside edge of the toe of the left foot while moving the left foot forward skimming the ball of the foot on the floor and



end by lowering the heel of the left foot as the left knee straightens after it has arrived at its new position. The weight is rolled through the hip just before the end of the step. It is important to allow the traveling foot to overtake the body before shifting the weight onto that foot. The shift of weight occurs near the end of each step with a corresponding weight settling and rotational hip action onto the standing leg. The hip action is a key aspect of rumba walks.

Some dancers treat forward rumba walks similar to that of normal walking. While the two have some similarities, there are distinct differences. In the rumba dance version, the moving foot remains in contact with the floor with the toe of the moving foot leading. The weight shift occurs after the foot has arrived at its new position. In normal walking, the traveling foot is lifted off the floor with the heel striking first and weight shift occurring much earlier. If an improper progressive walking method is reinforced in dance, it becomes a difficult habit to break. Losing contact with the floor is a common problem. Keeping pressure on the floor with the traveling foot, at all times is essential. This provides an excellent tactile feedback mechanism that adds stability and thereby helps to maintain control throughout each step. Equally as important, is the synchronized forward progressive hip rotation and weight settling action. Without hip action and proper changing and settling of weight over each step, the movement will feel dull and lack luster. All of these factors are essential for rumba walks.

Rumba walks are thought to be one of the most important fundamental aspects of rhythm and Latin dancing. When they are danced well, they add extraordinary expression to the dance. Good control of footwork, feet positions, weight changes and hip action transforms ordinary dancing into a whole-body artistic expression.

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**Dates:** Dates to be announced

**Time:** 7pm-8:30pm

**Candidate Dances:** Foxtrot, Rumba, Waltz, Cha Cha, Swing, Salsa/Mambo, Bachata, Tango & Meringue

**Instructor:** Richard Fiore -- Dual Licentiate, Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing

**Location:** Adelphi University, One South Ave., Garden City, NY 11530 - Woodruff Hall Dance Studio

**To Register: \$125/person for general admission.  
Call Noreen DeNicola at (516) 877-4260 or email [ndenicola@adelphi.edu](mailto:ndenicola@adelphi.edu)**



# With Donna DeSimone Dance

## December 2024 Dance schedule

**Holiday closure: we'll be closed from Mon Dec. 23- Wed Jan 1.  
Studio will resume classes on Thur January 2.**

**Register Today! All group classes are pay as you go \$20pp. Contact Donna to register for all classes. Not too late to register or schedule a private lesson! All classes starting at 8:15pm must be in the building before 8pm**



**Greenlawn Moose Lodge  
631 Pulaski Rd., Greenlawn, NY 11740**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

### **HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Doors open for student practice at 6:45pm. Free lesson 7:15-8pm.  
Open dancing 8-11pm. Hustle, WCS, Country Two Step, Latin & Smooth. Masks are optional not required. Can not bring drinks into hall, bar. You can not bring your own food & snacks. Table reservations for 6 to 10 people. \$20pp cash at the door.  
Held every 4th Friday of the month.

## The DancXchange Dance Studio Schedule

**290 Broad Hollow Rd., Suite LL150E, Atrium Level Melville, NY 11747**  
(Located in the blue Bank of America building at the northwest intersection of the Long Island Expressway exit 49N & Route 110)

### **MONDAYS**

**DEC 2, 9, 16 (Closed 23 & 30)**  
7:00-8:00pm: Slow Intermediate Hustle  
8:15-9:15 Solo Flow: Body Movement & Musicality, all welcome!

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**DEC 4, 11, 18 (Closed 25)**  
7:15pm-8:15pm: Intermediate Hustle  
8:15pm-9:15pm: Intermediate WC Swing

### **TUESDAYS**

**DEC 3, 10, 17 (Closed 24 & 31)**  
7pm-8pm: Advanced Hustle  
8:15pm-9:15pm: Silver Level Foxtrot & Waltz

### **THURSDAYS**

**DEC 5, 12, 19 (Closed 26)**  
7:15pm-8:15pm:  
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## **MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS (New Schedule)**

**4 Week Course Starts Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(12/2, 12/16, 12/23 & 12/30 - No Class 12/9)**

\$60PP per class for 4 week session. \$20 for drop in class.

6PM Advanced Solo Work - Styling, Choreography, Technique focused class in all dances  
6:45PM Beginner/Intermediate Fun Group Class - Social Bronze Level working on Figures 1-3 in all dances & Line Dances  
7:30PM Couples Group - WALTZ

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SOIREE & DANCE OF THE MONTH GROUP**

Group starts 7pm - \$15PP. Friday Night Soiree 8-10pm \$20PP. Take Group & Party - \$30PP  
*Friday, Nov 29 is our Trim-a-Tree party but we're also having TWO Pro Demonstrations in Ballroom & Latin!!*



**Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Get Together**  
7PM - Hustle Group  
8-10PM - Friday Night Soiree



**Friday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-New Year's Eve Bash**  
7PM - Hustle Group  
8-10PM - Friday Night Soiree



## **WEST COAST SWING WORKSHOP WITH LISA SPARKLES**

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

7PM Beginners | 7:45-8:15PM Practice and/or Warm Up | 8:15-9PM Interm./Advanced  
Call to enroll. Register by November 29

# The Argentine Viewpoint

## More About Alexander Technique

By Michael Ditkoff

Email Michael at: [tangomaniac@optimum.net](mailto:tangomaniac@optimum.net)



Michael Ditkoff has taken ten years of private ballroom, latin, swing and hustle lessons; eight years of private Argentine Tango, Waltz and Milonga lessons; three years of Embodied Yoga to improve his frame, and six months of Alexander Technique to improve his posture. He was also a dance host on three cruise ships. Michael resumed playing the piano in July 2023, further sharpening his musicality.

Last issue was the introduction to Alexander Technique. This month is how it improved my posture and dancing. Some people walk with their head in front of their body, behind their body, or leaning to one side. Their posture acts as a drag on their movement.

My Alexander Technique practitioner said I had to unlearn bad habits to free my body from stress. For example, when stress sets in (sometimes before executing a difficult figure, e.g. back sacada,) my neck stiffens followed by the rest of the upper body, preventing me from pivoting, causing poor leading and execution. Tension begins in the neck and flows down like water into the shoulders, the arms and lower extremities. Embodied Yoga released a lot of the tension. (August 2024 issue.)

The head should sit suspended over the neck, as if the neck is a bumper jack lifting the head off the shoulders, not sit pancaked on top it.

My lessons began with concentration on the position of my head vis-à-vis my spine. It took a few months to become aware of my head's location. The practitioner would repeatedly say "Free the neck." I've heard of "free the whales" but this was the first time I heard "free the neck."

After becoming aware of tension in my neck and releasing it, I was able to balance my head over the spine. My balance and posture improved immensely.

I remember standing straight (at least what I felt was straight) and feeling Antoinette, the practitioner, adjusting my head to get it over the spine. This took months to accomplish after decades of bad walking habits.

Antoinette taught the correct way to walk upstairs. I used to angle my body to be parallel to the handrail walking upstairs. She said, "That's not walking efficiently." To walk efficiently, I kept my frame up while walking up and down the stairs. Maintaining frame is important in dancing.

I remember my parents visited me when I lived in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. I took them to the Naval Academy in Annapolis. My father remarked as a midshipman walked by, "Look at that posture." I didn't know that the Naval Academy also taught dancing.

For those interested in learning more, go to: [AlexanderTechnique.com](http://AlexanderTechnique.com)

I bet if King Henry read the website, his neck wouldn't hurt so much from wearing the crown.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year, filled with good dancing.

# The Dance Conversation

## What Dancing Tells Me

By Sherry Jean Olander

Dancing is always part of a conversation - between partners, between a performer and her audience, between the dancer and the musician, and even between a dancer and her own spirit. . . .the heart of rhythm is made of offerings and responses. Engaging in this conversation is key, and it is through its inherent ebb and flow that wondrous things can be found.

Several years ago, on a just-warm-enough night, I was at a festival. A glorious bonfire burned in the center of a wide and danceable soft circle of sand. I was in the midst of working with some depression and anxiety, but enjoying the beauty of the moment. Pulsing beats of thoomp-thoomp-tukah were starting to fill the air as the Darrell Rose drum group began to play.

A small group of people danced up close to the stage, and I sat, waiting for the urge to do the same arise in myself. Part of me wanted to join them. Why was a different part of me feeling such a powerful urge to crawl up inside myself and turn away? I love to dance! But something in me was feeling lost and small.

One of the other women there was begging people to join the dancing, knowing the performers needed our engagement to truly perform

their best. I knew she was right, and I wanted to honor these amazing musicians. Their music was an offering on the table, calling me to engage. Was I going to be so rude as to ignore them? So, finally, it was guilt that made me break through my depression, forcing myself to move. And in my response, that's when the magic happened. As I moved my body, finding the beats between which to step - or sway - or swirl, a conversation began. Soon I found myself laughing and smiling and feeling a complete transformation in my mood.

Alice Walker has told us, "hard times require furious dancing", and I've learned this to be true - in my body, in my heart, even down to my bones, where the most grounded of truths reside. And that's sort of the point, isn't it? Our bodies hold on to truths that often our minds would prefer to forget. And living too much in a world of words makes it easy to ignore questions our spirits want to ask. Dancing helps us reconnect to these truths, and find answers to those questions.

On that festival night, once I began to dance, I joined an ever-ongoing conversation - about life, but ultimately about connection. As I danced, and felt the heaviness lift from me, a quieter conversation within myself brought some important realizations: the heaviness always seems more all-consuming than it is, and when I feel lost and small, if I tune in to my body and let movement be my response to the world, I usually end up dancing my way to a better place. I've always been a dancer. And even if at times a shyness or depression keeps me still and hiding, eventually the rhythm always calls me out to play.



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## 2024 Christmas Letter

By Keith Happ

Dear Dance Friends & Family,

As we are greeting December as the month of joy and remembrance, we will also say goodbye to 2024 and welcome in 2025. I hope to continue writing these articles into the coming year with reflection on my dance journey and invite you onto the dance floor in 2025. Now it's time for holiday dances, festive decorations and anticipating the arrival of Santa and his eight girls. Yes, I do mean his reindeer and yes they are all girls, yes even Rudolph. You see in late October early November the male Caribou aka reindeer sheds his antlers. The female retained hers to protect the young. With that image in your head now, picture all of the books, pictures, paintings and movies with Santa and his reindeer, they all have antlers. Why wouldn't he pick females? Think about it. They are strong, they have antlers to protect the sleigh when Santa is doing his job, and if they should get lost, they are not afraid to pull over and ask directions, plus they follow his lead.

December is also the time for some of the best dance music. There are hundreds of great swing, two step, waltz, fox trot and quick step music to say the least. There is so much great dance music that you can play them from Thanksgiving to the second of January and never repeat the same song by the same artist more than once. Sadly, all the Christmas dances play the same tired music and occasionally add in another old tired Christmas song. What a waste of great music. In my car I have a USB thumb drive with over 800 Christmas songs that I listen to. On my portable MP3 player and computer I have over 3,000 Christmas songs. It may have White Christmas on it several times but each version is different and by a different artist or group.

Let's put this way. If I were to hold in December a dance every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday night you would dance all night not only to a variety of dances but you will never hear the same song by the same artist twice. But I'm not, so you will. When it comes to music you and I differ. You will pay for XM radio, not me. When it is free I check it out and find they play what is current and throw in a classic every now and then. My girlfriend was in my car listening to my dance music and would say things like I never heard this song by Ricky Nelson, or who the hell is Shakin Stevens, I never heard of Si Cranstoun.

There have been times she might be picturing a Swing or Cha-Cha to song playing in my car and ask where did you find this song and who is Jimmy Ellis? Who are Go Cat Go? Yes, you are missing out on a ton of great dance music by staying in your personal snow globe (another great song). Being beat deaf has many advantages over being a natural. I take the time to listen and count. There is none so deaf, as he who will not hear.

I hope some of you will explore the internet or when you are going from house to house looking at Christmas lights and decorations open your ears to the music. Maybe just maybe they will be playing a song that is new to you and you consider adding it to your play list. Maybe you need a new snow globe or maybe just need to add a snow plow inside of it to clear a place for new music. Stop asking us to learn new steps to your tired old music. I've seen young blood enter dance halls and never return (I should have thought of that line when I was doing my Halloween article). Wow, 2025 damn I'm old. I don't move as much as I use to. I have a few more aches and pains, but I don't let that stop me, much. This December spread that Christmas joy and make sure you dance. Get out on that floor and celebrate life. And sign up for a New Year's dance. Bring in 2025 with the absolute joy of dance. Just remember to drink responsibly, eat irresponsibility and dance like nobody is watching. Even though everyone is.

Bring in 2025 on the dance floor with someone you love. Hey this is the best time of the year. Party, dance and above all don't drink and drive! You could spill it. My New Year's resolution for 2025 well, I plan to go retro as far as my dancing is concerned. But more about that in January or February. This is the closing of 2024 and the birth of 2025 and where we reflect and yes start to feel old. We all experience our aches and pains and loss of loved ones and the joy and gratitude of those still present in our lives so bask in that joy. Don't go all Ebenezer and walk around saying Christmas is a humbug, and that getting old sucks. My late wife passed at the young age of 69. Getting old is a privilege. Not everyone gets to do it.

So in closing, I will leave you with this - Life is to be lived, loved and savored. That yesterday is the past, tomorrow belongs to no-one, but that today is a gift, that's why it is called the present. Open each day and live it to the fullest and above all stop reading this and get out there and dance! Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Teal next year be safe and be graceful and courteous on the dance floor.

Keith

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## WEDNESDAY DEC 4

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#### **Little Neck**

Dance With DJ Pedro at Spotlight Ballroom, 245-24 Horace Harding Expy. Social Ballroom Dance Mix. 7pm-11pm. Dance is held every other Wednesday. \$20 PP. Coffee, tea & snacks served. DJ Pedro for info: 718-640-8216. Ad pg 5

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## FRIDAY DEC 6

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Club Brumidi. 2075 Deer Park Ave. 7pm Doors Open. 7:30pm Mini Foxtrot Lesson and Dance 8PM-10:30PM with Lourdes! Social Dance Mix with Music by DJ Gene & Joanne. Lourdes and Mario as dance hosts for the evening! \$20pp includes Complimentary Buffet, Coffee, Tea, Dessert & Cash Bar. www.sonsofitalyLI.com. 516-991-3208. Ad pgs 3 and 4

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## SATURDAY DEC 7

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Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. LONG ISLAND COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION. Live music by Country Line, DJ & Dance instruction TBD. Doors open 6:30PM. Music starts 7PM. Coffee available at 10pm. (Bring your own munchies) LIMCA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of Country Music & Dance on Long Island. Ad pg 3

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Swing Dance Night at Industry Lounge & Gallery, 344 New York Ave. 7-8pm Lesson and 8pm open dance floor with LIVE MUSIC! For more information email [info@industrymakers.art](mailto:info@industrymakers.art) Ad pg 2

### CLASSES

#### **Melville**

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:15pm-8:15pm: Intermediate Hustle, 8:15pm-9:15pm: Intermediate West Coast Swing. [www.donnadesimone.us](http://www.donnadesimone.us). 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

## THURSDAY DEC 12

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

Social Dancing/Tea Dance 2pm-6pm at Queens Ballroom Dance 32-17 College Point Blvd. Group lesson before social. A great mix of ballroom, latin, and club style music is played by our DJ. Call for pricing. No partner necessary! Info: 646-389-5068. [www.queensballroom.dance](http://www.queensballroom.dance). Ad pg 10

### CLASSES

#### **Little Neck, Queens**

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at Spotlight Studio 245-24 Horace Harding Exwy. 11am Argentine Tango, 5pm Hustle/WCS Basics. 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

#### **Melville**

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:15pm-8:15pm: Adv/Beginner Hustle. [www.donnadesimone.us](http://www.donnadesimone.us). 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

## FRIDAY DEC 13

### DANCES

#### **Deer Park**

Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. A night with "The Ultimate Entertainer" LOUIS DEL PRETE. 7PM-10:30PM. Adm: \$20pp. A throwback to an era when artists actually "entertained". Louis can sing, dance, and play an instrument! Complimentary light buffet, dessert, coffee, tea & cash bar. Dance Mix including but not limited to Ballroom, Latin, Hustle & WCS Singles tables available. [www.sonsofitalyLI.com](http://www.sonsofitalyLI.com). For reservations of a FULL table (8+) call 516.819.9016. Ad pg 3

#### **Farmingdale**

Barney & Debbie's Dance Obsession Christmas Get Together! 18 Hempstead Tpke. Friday Night Soiree and Dance of the Month. 7PM Hustle Group, 8-10PM Friday Night Soiree. We will be changing partners. All welcomed! [www.DanceObsession.com](http://www.DanceObsession.com). (516) 753-2121. Ad pg 7

#### **Massapequa**

Dance to the Sounds of DJ Ray! Massapequa Elks Lodge 2162 Veterans Blvd. 8pm-12am. Enjoy a great mix of 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's & today's popular music! Swing, Motown, Hustle, Doo-Wop, Freestyle, Lindy... and a little bit of 2-Step Line Dancing, WCS and a touch of Latin too! Open Bar, Bagels & Desserts, 50/50, Door Prizes, Coffee & Tea. Singles & couples welcome. Info: DJ Ray at 516.385.1720. Ad pg 13

## SATURDAY DEC 14

### DANCES

#### **Deer Park**

Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. Brumidi's Christmas Party! Open to Members, Family & Friends. Starts at 6:30 pm. Cocktail Hour, Sit Down Dinner, Beer/Wine/Soda & Dessert. Live Performance By Singer/Songwriter THERESA SAREO. Music by DJ Gene & Joanne. Cash Bar & Raffles ... and a visit By Mr. & Mrs. Claus! \$70 Per Person. RSVP by December 7. Must Reserve and Pay in Advance. No Walk ins. Call or Text: Linda 516 356-0949 or Theresa at 631 807-1485. Ad pg 3

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#### **Lake Ronkonkoma**

Ballroom & Latin Dancing Holiday Party at The Waterfalls Ballroom, 400 Cassata Ave. Hosted by Valerie, 7pm-11:00pm, \$20pp, Desserts, Raffles, Singles & Couples. 631-581-8509 or 631-487-3203 or email [valmdance@yahoo.com](mailto:valmdance@yahoo.com) for directions, info or reserve a table. Ad pg 5

#### **Westbury**

Argentine Tango Lovers Holiday Party at Mirelle's 170 Post Ave. Featuring Live music by Claudio and Eran!! Folklore show by Anahi Barrio. D.J. Omar Hechtendorf Dinner, Dancing, Taxi dancers and your Hostesses: Sherry and Carmen! Please call ahead to secure: 631-495-1435. Admission:\$40 PP Questions? Call Sherry: 631-242-0686 or( cell) 631-495-1435. [www.ArgentineTangoLovers.org](http://www.ArgentineTangoLovers.org). Ad pg 2

## SUNDAY DEC 15

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

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### CLASSES

#### **Melville**

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## MONDAY DEC 16

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

Social Dancing/Tea Dance 2pm-6pm at Queens Ballroom Dance 32-17 College Point Blvd. Group lesson before social. A great mix of ballroom, latin, and club style music is played by our DJ. Call for pricing. No partner necessary! Info: 646-389-5068. [www.queensballroom.dance](http://www.queensballroom.dance). Ad pg 10

### CLASSES

#### **Deer Park**

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. 5:45pm Int/Adv West Coast Swing, 6:45pm Latin Mix, 7:45pm Beg/Int West Coast Swing. 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

#### **Farmingdale**

Barney & Debbie's Dance Obsession. 18 Hempstead Tpke. 6:00 pm Advanced Solo Work Styling, Choreography, Technique focused class in all dances, 6:45 pm Beginner/Intermediate Fun Group Class Social Bronze Level working on Figures 1-3 in all dances & Line Dances, 7:30 pm Couples Group – WALTZ. [www.DanceObsession.com](http://www.DanceObsession.com). (516) 753-2121. Ad pg 7

#### **Little Neck, Queens**

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at Spotlight Studio 245-24 Horace Harding Exwy. 10am Salsa, 11am Argentine Tango. 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

#### **Melville**

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:00-8:00pm: Slow Intermediate Hustle, 8:15-9:15 Solo Flow: Body Movement & Musicality class, all welcome. [www.donnadesimone.us](http://www.donnadesimone.us). 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

## TUESDAY DEC 17

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

Social Dancing/Tea Dance 2pm-6pm at Queens Ballroom Dance 32-17 College Point Blvd. Group lesson before social. A great mix of ballroom, latin, and club style music is played by our DJ. Call for pricing. No partner necessary! Info: 646-389-5068. [www.queensballroom.dance](http://www.queensballroom.dance). Ad pg 10

#### **Greenlawn**

Join your friends for a Christmas Holiday Dance with Mike Ficco Long Island Jazz Orchestra at Swing Dance Long Island's Swing Dance at the Huntington Moose Lodge, 631 Pulaski Rd. Band performs at 8pm. \$20/person. Swing Dance Lesson at 7:30. Discounts for members. Last night for Toys for Tots! Info: 631-476-3707 or [www.SDLI.org](http://www.SDLI.org). Ad pg 2

#### **Westbury**

Argentine Tango Lovers at Mirelle's 170 Post Ave. Learn Basic Argentine Tango sequentially 7pm-10:30pm followed by a buffet dinner and a three hour práctica! Learn Argentine Tango from Martin Almirón, Iakov Shonsky and Eran Polat on alternating Tuesdays. Adm. \$25 Sherry: 631 242-0686 or cell: 631-495-1435. [www.ArgentineTangoLovers.org](http://www.ArgentineTangoLovers.org) Ad pg 2

### CLASSES

#### **Little Neck, Queens**

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at Spotlight Studio 245-24 Horace Harding Exwy. 10am Bachata, 11am West Coast Swing Newcomer/Novice. 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

#### **Melville**

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:00pm-8:00pm: Advanced Hustle, 8:15pm-9:15pm: Silver Level Foxtrot & Waltz. [www.donnadesimone.us](http://www.donnadesimone.us). 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

## WEDNESDAY DEC 18

### DANCES

#### **Deer Park**

Club Brumidi. 2075 Deer Park Ave. 6-10PM Social Dance Mix. Enjoy an Evening of Ballroom and Latin Dancing to a great music mix! Music by DJ Gene & Joanne. [www.sonsofitalyLI.com](http://www.sonsofitalyLI.com). 516-991-3208. Ad pg 3

#### **Flushing**

Social Dancing at Queens Ballroom Dance 32-17 College Point Blvd. 2pm-6pm and 7pm-10pm. Group lesson before social. A great mix of ballroom, latin, and club style music is played by our DJ. No partner necessary! Call for pricing. Info: 646-389-5068. [www.queensballroom.dance](http://www.queensballroom.dance). Ad pg 10

#### **Little Neck**

Dance With DJ Pedro at Spotlight Ballroom, 245-24 Horace Harding Expy. Socia Ballroom Dance Mix. 7pm-11pm. Dance is held every other Wednesday. \$20 PP. Coffee, tea & snacks served. DJ Pedro for info: 718-640-8216. Ad pg 5

#### **Merrick**

Join us for our Festive Holiday Party Dansan at the Merrick Golf Course -2550 Clubhouse Rd. (9E Meadowbrook)- \$12pp don. 1:30-4:30PM - If you bring a grab bag, you may exchange for a gift. No more than \$5. Bagels, variety of cream cheese, coffee, tea, cake. Private Lessons Available. Make new friend, Largest Ballroom Hard Wood Dance Floor in LI, Strict Tempo Music. Bring your partner or students. Singles and Couples. All past and present dances played in classic ballroom dancing music and popular line. Free Parking on Premises. 718 332-7825 or email [dancezee@aol.com](mailto:dancezee@aol.com). Ad pg 2

### CLASSES

#### **Melville**

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Dance Studio. 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 7:15pm-8:15pm: Intermediate Hustle, 8:15pm-9:15pm: Intermediate West Coast Swing. [www.donnadesimone.us](http://www.donnadesimone.us). 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

## THURSDAY DEC 19

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

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### CLASSES

#### **Little Neck, Queens**

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## FRIDAY DEC 20

### DANCES

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#### **Patchogue**

Christmas Party! A Night of Social Dancing with Music by DJ Scott! Knights of Columbus, Hall 38 W. 1st Street (Off Waverly Ave. across from 5th precinct) Held on the first and third Friday of every month. Complimentary Beginner Lesson at 6PM With Shah. Dance 7-11pm. From ballroom to rock and roll, there's something for everyone, a night of real fun! \$15pp includes coffee and desserts, cash bar available, feel free to bring snacks. Door prizes, raffles, 50/50 and giveaways! For more information call Louise at 631-277-7774. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT DAY OF DANCE TO CONFIRM at 631-513-1055 (cell). Ad pg 5

## SATURDAY DEC 21

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

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## SUNDAY DEC 22

### DANCES

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#### **Hollis Hills, Queens**

Dance With Me Holiday Party at Hollis Hills Jewish Center 210-10 Union Turnpike. Music by DJ Andrew. 5pm-9pm. 4:30-5pm line dance with David. Complimentary Hot and Cold Buffet., dessert and coffee. Raffle & Door Prizes. \$25.00 Per person. Call Nancy for reservations 516-587-4330. Ad pg 4

### CLASSES

#### **Melville**

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at The DancXchange Dance Studio, 290 Broad Hollow Rd. 4pm West Coast Swing, 5pm Salsa, (Must RSVP). 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

## MONDAY DEC 23

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

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### CLASSES

#### **Deer Park**

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#### **Farmingdale**

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#### **Little Neck, Queens**

Dance with Lourdes Cruz at Spotlight Studio 245-24 Horace Harding Exwy. 10am Salsa, 11am Argentine Tango. 845-977-3482. Ad pg 4

## TUESDAY DEC 24

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

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## WEDNESDAY DEC 25 *Merry Christmas!!*

## THURSDAY DEC 26

### DANCES

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## FRIDAY DEC 27

### DANCES

#### **Farmingdale**

Barney & Debbie's Dance Obsession Pre-New Year's Eve Bash! 18 Hempstead Tpke. Friday Night Soiree and Dance of the Month. 7PM Hustle Group, 8-10PM Friday Night Soiree. We will be changing partners. All welcomed! [www.DanceObsession.com](http://www.DanceObsession.com). (516) 753-2121. Ad pg 7

#### **Greenlawn**

Donna DeSimone's DancXchange Club Night Holiday Party at Greenlawn Moose Lodge 631 Pulaski Rd. Hustle, WCS, Country Two step, Latin & Smooth. Doors open for student practice at 6:45pm. Free Hustle lesson 7:15pm-8pm. Open dancing 8pm-11pm. You can not bring drinks into hall, bar but you can bring your own food & snacks. Masks optional, not required. Contact Donna for table reservations for 6 to 10 people \$20pp cash at the door. [www.donnadesimone.us](http://www.donnadesimone.us). 516.375.8498. Ad pg 7

#### **Massapequa**

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## SATURDAY DEC 28

### DANCES

#### **Flushing**

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## SUNDAY DEC 29

### DANCES

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## MONDAY DEC 30

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### CLASSES

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## TUESDAY DEC 31 *Happy New Year!!*

### DANCES

#### Deer Park

Brumidi Lodge. 2075 Deer Park Ave. Brumidi's New Year's Eve Party! 8PM-1AM. Full Open Bar, Cocktail Hour including Hot & Cold Stations, Carving Station, Elegant Gourmet Sit-Down Dinner, Viennese Style Dessert Stations, Champagne Toast, Noise Makers, Photo Station, (Bring your Camera/Phone), etc., Music & Entertainment by LIVE MUSIC by Long Island's very own LI REWIND BAND, a 5-piece Rock Band featuring Keyboard, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Vocals. Performing upbeat, danceable classics from MoTown, Rock and Alternative styles of the 60's, 70's and 80's. Ad pg 3

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#### Greenlawn

Join your friends for New Year's Eve Buffet Dinner & Dance with Nick Palumbo & the Flipped Fedoras at the Huntington Moose Lodge, 631 Pulaski Rd. Dancing. 8pm-1am \$70pp. Call 631-757-2777 no later than 12/19 to reserve. Ad pg 2

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#### Little Neck

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dancing at Spotlight Ballroom 245-24 Horace Harding Expy. Hosted by Lourdes, Ian, Mario and Daniel. Mix of Ballroom, Latin, WCS, Hustle and more by DJ Ia and Lourdes! Mark James and Karen Lupo performing! 8pm-1am. Hot Buffet Dinner, appetizers and desserts. For ticket information call Lourdes at 1-845-977-3482. Ad pg 13

#### Patchogue

New Year's Eve Party! A Night of Social Dancing with Music by DJ Scott! Knights of Columbus, Hall 38 W. 1st Street (Off Waverly Ave. across from 5th precinct) \$90 Per Person. RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE ONLY. Includes Cocktail hour, Dinner Buffet, Dessert medley w/open bar. Dance to the music of DJ Scott. Call for RESERVATIONS Louise. 631.513.1055. Our dances are held on the first and third Friday of every month. From ballroom to rock and roll, there's something for everyone, a night of real fun! \$15pp includes coffee and desserts, cash bar available, feel free to bring snacks. Door prizes, raffles, 50/50 and giveaways! For more information call Louise at 631-277-7774. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT DAY OF DANCE TO CONFIRM at 631-513-1055 (cell). Ad pg 5

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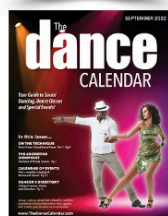
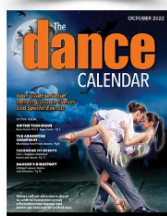
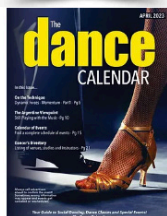
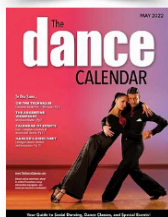
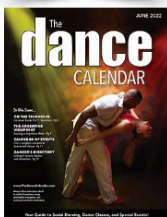
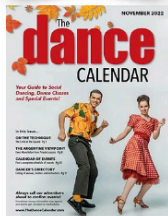
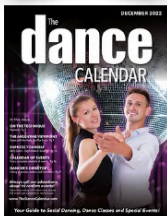
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